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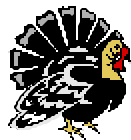
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to firm. Light trading was reported on frozen for prompt fill-in basis. Offerings were mixed, mostly light. Demand was light to moderate. Bulk parts and meats trading was light to moderate. Demand was light. Offerings were adequate.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums and thigh meat, balance slow. Demand was limited with buyers taking a wait and see attitude toward the market. Offerings were adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 17, 2005**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	83-88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	83-88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	83-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	83-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	83-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	84-88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-88	86-87	86.75	106	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	84-88	87	87.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	84-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	84-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF NOV 18, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	84.00	87.00	77.25
CENTRAL REGION	86.75	84.00	78.74
WESTERN REGION	87.67	85.00 **	80.87

16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	83.00	82.00 **	73.76
CENTRAL REGION	84.00 **	82.85	74.45
WESTERN REGION	85.00	83.00 **	76.58

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	82-91
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	82-87
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	82-87

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	110-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-139

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Nov 21, 2005

Price (cents/lb.) Volume (lbs.)

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	96.83	525,000
16-24 lbs.	95.69	590,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	40,000
16-24 lbs.	--	40,000

Total Volume: 1,195,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 12-Nov-2005 (Preliminary)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
North East	875	-8	24.15	(A)	875 24.15
South Atlantic	576	-17	30.58	(A)	576 30.58
North Central	2,330	0	30.96	(A)	2,330 30.96
South Central	1,073	16	17.56	(A)	1,073 17.56
West	690	1	22.35	(A)	690 22.35
U.S. total	5,544(B)	-1	26.18	0	5,544 26.18
To-date					
2005	200,957(B)			195	201,152
To-date					
2004	197,667(B)			313	197,980

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 20,000; for the current year to date 1,118,000; for last year to date 2,364,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

October	449,318*
November 1 - 12, 2005	210,640*

To date 2005	4,535,862*
To date 2004	4,435,034*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 12-Nov-2005	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	2,847	2,677	20	0	5,544
Avg Wt	16.53	36.44	25.92	0.00	26.18
Last week	2,705	2,791	89	9	5,594
Same wk yr ago	2,403	2,885	48	2	5,338
Avg Wt	16.08	35.36	23.29	30.10	26.57
To-date/2005	82,889	116,950	1,118	195	201,152
To-date/2004	79,258	116,045	2,364	313	197,980

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT. INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 17 NOVEMBER 2005.

The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate. Export inquiry on tom drums most active on product from heavier sized birds for deboning purposes. Offerings in a full range with supplies varying by processor, mostly adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to firm with domestic demand and interest from Mexico driving the market. Offerings short to light. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was steady to instances weak with some processors attempting to hold while others demonstrate a willingness to negotiate. Demand light at best. Offerings ample on both current production and product over 30 days age. Trading slow. For domestic: drummettes 43, plant grade basted 10-12 lb. breasts 131 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	150.53	291
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	113.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	44.00-45.00		44.33	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	41.67	240
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	45.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	45.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	45.00-47.00		46.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	117.00		117.00	20
NECKS, TOM		W	49.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	265.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	281.00	80
THIGH MEAT		M	99.00	3
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	101.00	16
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT	112.00		112.00	10
TENDERLOINS		M	215.00	1
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	230.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	250.00		250.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	68.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	22.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	21.00		21.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	42.93	344
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		M	34.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN				

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on white meat was steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate with continued interest noted from Canada on tom breast meat and scapula. Offerings adequate to instances ample. Processors are working holiday schedules next week which is affecting product availability and demand. Trading was heavy on fresh -20% mechanically separated turkey contracts for January-December, 2006 at 21-25, mostly 23-24 cents delivered. Trading for current shipments was active on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments and on tom drums for export, balance slow to moderate. For domestic: fresh scapula 125, Grade A non-basted breasts - 8-10 lb. 125, 12-14 lb. 150-160, plant grade non-basted breasts - 12-14 lb. 155, 14-16 lb. 160-165, 18-20 lb. 165-170 cents delivered. For export: frozen tom breast meat 262-263 shipping point, hen wings 44, fresh tom drums 44, fresh thigh meat 97-100 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00		43.00	13	44.14	124
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	41.00-45.00		41.44	360	41.78	721
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	41.00		41.00	76	41.57	176
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	48.00		48.00	10	47.34	158
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	45.00		45.00	6	45.00	46
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	43.00-44.00		43.55	145	44.11	397
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	119.00		119.00	40	117.57	140
NECKS, TOM	48.00		48.00	64	48.97	402
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	263.00-265.00		263.67	60	264.43	140
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	273.00-280.00		275.89	572	277.82	990
THIGH MEAT	97.50		97.50	40	97.60	43
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	98.50-100.00		99.00	30	99.70	46
BREAST TRIM MEAT	164.00		164.00	8	164.00	8
SCAPULA MEAT	112.00		112.00	46	112.00	56
TENDERLOINS	215.00		215.00	4	215.00	5
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	230.00	20	230.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	68.00	20	72.12	89
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	249.00		249.00	32	247.84	122
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00-20.00		19.35	114	20.44	194
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	22.00		22.00	48	21.08	390
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	42.00-43.00		42.44	640	42.86	1,184
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		M	34.00	40	34.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN						

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